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J. ALEXANDRO LOZANO, DISTRICT 3
MELINA CASTRO, DISTRICT 4
PRESI ORTEGA, JR., DISTRICT 5
EDDIE HOLGUIN JR., DISTRICT 6
STEVE ORTEGA, DISTRICT 7
BETO O'ROURKE, DISTRICT 8

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 16, 2005

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. Mayor John Cook present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Ann Morgan Lilly, Susie Byrd, Jose Alexandro Lozano, Melina Castro, Presi Ortega, Jr., Eddie Holguin, Jr., Steve Ortega and Beto O'Rourke.

AGENDA

1. Second Public Hearing pursuant to Sections 26.05 and 26.06, Texas Tax Code, on the City of El Paso's proposed Property Tax Rate Increase as published by the City on August 3, 2005.
2. The City Council of the City of El Paso may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of El Paso may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.) The City Council will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS

Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES

Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

3. Adjournment.

Motion made by Representative Presi Ortega, Jr., seconded by Representative Lozano and unanimously carried to **RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at 9:15 a.m. to **CONVENE THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING** on the Second Public Hearing pursuant to Sections 26.05 and 26.06, Texas Tax Code, on the City of El Paso's proposed Property Tax Rate Increase as published by the City on August 3, 2005.

The City Clerk called for public comment on the property tax increase.

Ms. Lisa Turner, citizen, asked about Fund 27504 in the FY2006 Proposed Budget.

Mr. David Almonte, Director of OMB, responded to Ms. Turner's question.

Motion made by Representative O'Rourke, seconded by Representative Byrd and unanimously carried to **CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING** and to announce that the date of the vote on the tax rate will be August 30, 2005 at the Regular City Council meeting starting at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall in El Paso, Texas.

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Motion made by Representative Lozano, seconded by Representative Presi Ortega, Jr. and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at 9:18 a.m.
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk